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1. State Attorney Lassmann, the prosecutor in the forthcoming trial of Guido Schmidt, Schuschnigg's foreign minister, told [REDACTED] the trial will commence in late November or early December 1946.
2. This case has been a political headache for the Austrian Government, because acquittal of Schmidt would throw the entire denazification program off balance. Schmidt's acquittal had been regarded as a possibility because of the hesitancy of some of the principal witnesses to testify. The prosecution investigations are also hampered by the unavailability of such witnesses as von Papen and Seyss-Inquart.
3. State Attorney Lassmann stated that he now has an airtight case and is certain that Schmidt will be convicted. He added that Schuschnigg and ex-president Mikla have both made depositions deeply incriminating Schmidt.

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25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment: Former Foreign Minister Guido Schmidt, who became director of the Hermann Goering-Werke after the Anschluss, was arrested by the French Military Police in Vorarlberg in August 1945. On 26 November 1946 he was extradited to the Austrian Government and imprisoned in Vienna in the French Zone on 4 December 1946.)

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